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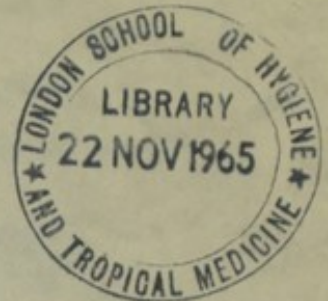
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Medical Officer of Health
for 1957



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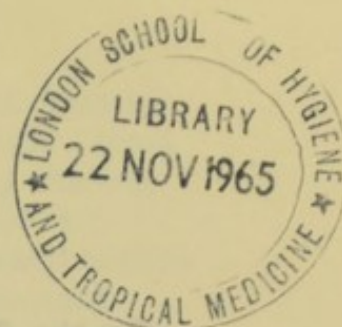
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CLACTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
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April, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clacton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Clacton for 1957. This year a change appears. We have produced the report in duplicated form to facilitate its earlier presentation. Furthermore with this object in view, the section on Statistics, which cannot be prepared until the end of April, appears separately at the end of this preamble.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Poliomyelitis

The number of notifications in respect of this disease was ten. Of these only two were in respect of residents, the remainder being holiday makers who had been incubating the disease before arrival in the town. We were indeed fortunate not to develop an epidemic in this town, particularly in view of the large numbers of cases of Poliomyelitis that occurred in the surrounding district. It may well be that the precautions taken at the time paid quite handsome dividends. There is little doubt that many visitors would have refrained from coming to Clacton for their holiday had an epidemic been in existence during the holiday season. The consequences of a poor season do not need to be enlarged.

The number of notifications of other notifiable diseases were similar to last year and require little comment. Only three cases of Food Poisoning were notified, although on investigation five persons were affected. The food causing the outbreak was prepared outside our district.

IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis continued during the year. A large number of children were immunised. Much comment appeared in the National Press, particularly during the time at which outbreaks of Poliomyelitis occurred in various parts of the Country. The programme of immunisation envisaged in the immediate future is to include expectant mothers, who seem particularly vulnerable to the paralytic form of the disease.

In the past nine years notifications of diphtheria throughout the country have fallen from 3,575 to 51. Deaths from diphtheria have decreased in the same period from 156 to 8. In the County of Essex 61 cases of diphtheria were notified in 1948 and two in 1956.

It must not be forgotten, however, that diphtheria is still a deadly disease and immunisation is the only safeguard.

Whooping Cough and Diphtheria immunisation continue. The outbreak of smallpox that occurred in London during the summer led to an increase in the demand for vaccination against the disease. The incident itself reminded us of the presence of smallpox and that with the increased speed of travel precautions must continue to be taken.

HOUSING

The Council in formulating their future housing policy have borne in mind the need of the elderly. It is hoped that the time is not far distant when more accommodation for the elderly is available.

CONFERENCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION

In the early part of December the Central Council for Health Education accepted an invitation I extended to them to hold a three hour conference in Health Education for Members of the Councils for each of the Authorities for whom I act.

The conference was a considerable success. Both Dr. Dalzell-Ward, the Deputy Director, and Mr. Porter spoke on the scope of Health Education and the modes and methods used. Interest was aroused and many questions were put to each of the lecturers and the ensuing discussions were most enlightening.

The conference was held in the Council Chamber at Clacton. Tea was provided during the interval and this gave Councillors a fine opportunity to discuss with the lecturers any points which they wished.

FOOD HYGIENE

In the early part of the year I decided to recommend to the Council the institution of classes for the instruction of Food Handling. This recommendation was adopted. In Clacton there are some 480 establishments where food is handled. Classes were arranged and in a very short time following the circulation of invitations, a long waiting list for these courses was created.

Each course consisted of a series of three lectures and demonstrations given by the Public Health Inspectors and myself. A film and film strips were shown at each lecture and a certificate was issued to those persons who had attended the set of three lectures. Judging from the response of those attending the experiment was a success and indeed has developed into a regular feature.

This venture in Health Education was badly needed. With the advent of the Food Hygiene Regulations it seemed obvious it was better to teach people what to do rather than to tell them what not to do.

At this point it would not be out of place if I recorded my thanks to the Council for their support in these courses of instruction, particularly to the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, who so willingly lent us his film projector and has so gallantly acted as projectionist on almost every occasion.

GENERAL

Once again it is a pleasure to express my gratitude for the co-operation that I have received from the Staff of the Department, and also from the Public Health Committee and Council. It was a difficult year, with an outbreak of Poliomyelitis in a neighbouring authority which might well have spread to this district and ruined the prospects of the Town for a good season.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. PEARCE

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

| | | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------|----------|
| Urban District | ... | Urban District of Clacton | |
| Area in acres | ... | ... | 6,807 |
| Population: | | | |
| 1951 Census | ... | ... | 24,065 |
| 1957 Registrar General's estimate | ... | ... | 24,890 |
| Density of Population per acre | ... | ... | 3.66 |
| Rateable Value | ... | ... | £468,132 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | ... | ... | £1,870 |
| Number of inhabited houses | ... | ... | 10,300 |
| Total Live Births | ... | ... | 240 |
| Birth rate | ... | ... | 9.6 |
| Birth rate corrected | ... | ... | 11.8 |
| Birth rate (England & Wales) | ... | ... | 16.1 |
| Total still births | ... | ... | 9 |
| Still birth rate | ... | ... | 37.5 |
| Still birth rate (England & Wales) | ... | ... | 22.4 |
| Total Deaths | ... | ... | 384 |
| Death rate (crude) | ... | ... | 15.4 |
| Death rate (corrected) | ... | ... | 11.0 |
| Death rate (England & Wales) | ... | ... | 11.5 |
| Deaths of infants under 1 year of age | ... | ... | Nil |
| Infant Mortality Rate | ... | ... | Nil |
| Infant Mortality Rate (England & Wales) | ... | ... | 23.0 |
| Number of illegitimate births | ... | ... | 27 |
| Percentage of total births | ... | ... | 11.2% |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Cancer Deaths | ... | ... | 75 |
| Tuberculosis Deaths | ... | ... | 3 |

VITAL STATISTICS

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1957 is 220 greater than for 1956.

The birth rate is lower than last year. 21 fewer births being recorded in 1957. The birth rate of 11.8 is 4.3 below the National rate.

The still birth rate is disappointing, in that it is 15.1 higher than the National rate.

The death rate is .2 higher than 1956, but is .5 lower than the National rate for 1957.

No infants under one year of age died. The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1957 was 23.0, the lowest ever recorded.

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1957

| | | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| Legitimate | ... | 100 | 113 | 213 |
| Illegitimate | ... | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | Totals: | 117 | 123 | 240 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1957 (R.G.)

| | | Male | Female | Total |
|--|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | ... | 3 | - | 3 |
| Syphilitic disease | ... | 1 | - | 1 |
| Infective and parasitic disease | | 1 | - | 1 |
| Cancer | | 27 | 48 | 75 |
| Leukaemia | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Diabetes | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | | 28 | 39 | 67 |
| Heart Disease | | 72 | 70 | 142 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | ... | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Influenza | | 3 | - | 3 |
| Pneumonia | | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Bronchitis | | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | | - | - | - |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | ... | 4 | - | 4 |
| Pregnancy | | - | - | - |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | | 13 | 19 | 32 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | ... | 2 | - | 2 |
| All other Accidents | ... | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Suicide | | - | 2 | 2 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | All Causes: | 184 | 200 | 384 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1957

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | - |
| 1 and under 2 years | ... | ... | ... | - |
| 2 and under 5 years | ... | ... | ... | - |
| 5 and under 15 years | ... | ... | ... | - |
| 15 and under 25 years | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 25 and under 35 years | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| 35 and under 45 years | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| 45 and under 55 years | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| 55 and under 65 years | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| 65 and under 75 years | ... | ... | ... | 125 |
| 75 and under 85 years | ... | ... | ... | 139 |
| 85 and upwards | ... | ... | ... | 45 |
| Total: | | | | 384 |

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

| Disease | Total cases notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Total deaths |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 3 | 1 | - |
| Poliomyelitis | 10 | 10 | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | 1 | - |
| Pneumonia | 1 | - | - |
| Measles | 144 | 2 | - |
| Whooping Cough | 12 | - | - |
| Hepatitis | 1 | - | - |
| Food Poisoning | 3 | 1 | - |
| Totals: | 175 | 15 | - |

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1957

DIPHTHERIA

Primary Course

Boosting Dose

Age: 0 - 5

191

20

5 - 15

18

39

WHOOPING COUGH

Age: 0 - 5

93

1

5 - 15

1

3

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONS

693 children.

TUBERCULOSIS

Particulars of cases notified and deaths occurring during the year 1957 are given below:-

| Ages in Years | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0 - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 - 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 15 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 25 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 35 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - 45 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 45 - 55 | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 55 - 65 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 upwards | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Totals: | 7 | 3 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | - |

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1954:

| Year | New Cases | Deaths |
|------|-----------|--------|
| 1954 | 14 | 2 |
| 1955 | 10 | 2 |
| 1956 | 12 | 1 |
| 1957 | 11 | 3 |

The following figures give the number of cases on the register at the end of 1957:-

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Respiratory Male | 77 | Non-Respiratory Male | 6 |
| Respiratory Female | 51 | Non-Respiratory Female | 22 |
| | <u>128</u> | | <u>28</u> |

Total Cases: 156.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

Under the provisions of these Acts the Council, through its Medical Officer, is empowered to seek the removal of necessitous cases to a hospital or institution.

No action required during 1957.

Arrangements were made informally for the following:-

- Two aged persons - Health Visitor to call regularly.
- Two aged persons - Home Helps provided.
- Two aged persons - Names placed on waiting list for admission to Homes.
- One aged person - Admitted to Hospital.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

| Total number of outbreaks | Number of cases | Number of deaths | Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each. | Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|---|
| 1 | 5 | - | Staph. aureus | Pork Pie. |

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER

| Examination | Supply | Very satisfactory | Satisfactory | Suspicious | Unsatisfactory |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Bacteriological | C.U.D.C. | 20 | 26 | 2 | 12 |
| Chemical | | - | 1 | - | - |
| Bacteriological | Private Sources | - | - | - | 2 |
| Chemical | | - | - | - | - |

(b) MILK

| | | |
|-------------------|----|--------------|
| Sterilised | 8 | Satisfactory |
| Pasteurised | 16 | Satisfactory |
| Pasteurised T. T. | 9 | Satisfactory |

(c) ICE CREAM

Grade I Grade II Grade III Grade IV

31 27 1 1 2

(d) OTHER FOODS

| Food | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Lollies ... | 8 | - |
| Soft Drinks ... | 6 | - |
| Artificial Cream Cakes | 54 | 17 |
| Cockles ... | 2 | - |
| Mussels ... | 1 | - |
| Whelks ... | 1 | - |
| Shrimps ... | 2 | 1 |
| Pork Pies ... | 36 | 8 |
| Meat Paste ... | 1 | 1 |
| Brawn ... | 5 | 3 |
| Ham ... | 1 | 1 |
| Dutch Jellied Veal | 1 | - |
| Luncheon Meat ... | 2 | 1 |
| Chicken Pie ... | - | 1 |
| Soup ... | 1 | - |

(e) FAECAL SPECIMENS 3 2 positive
1 negative

(f) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF FOOD.

| | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tea ... | 1 | - |
| Bread ... | - | 2 |
| Fruit and Nut Breakfast Food | - | 1 |
| Christmas Pudding | - | 1 |

The two loaves of bread were from the same bakehouse.

A piece of printed paper was found in one loaf of bread, and a piece of wire in the other. The piece of wire was found to be from a defective flour sieve.

The baker was prosecuted under the provisions of Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, fined £2 and ordered to pay £3. 3s. Od. costs in respect of each Summons (a total of £10. 6s. Od.)

A bird's dropping and a small feather were found in the fruit and nut breakfast food and a warning letter was sent to the manufacturer. The food was supplied to the retailer in a tin, the lid of which was secured in place by cellotape.

The manufacturers expressed regret for the incident and in explanation thereof stated that the only time when the foreign bodies could have gained access to the tin was when the factory premises were being painted and the wire-guards at the windows had been removed so allowing entry by birds.

Beetle infestation was found in the Christmas Pudding.

(g) MACHINE CLEANSED BOTTLES

| Type | Bottles | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|---------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Beer | 30 | 20 | 10 |
| Milk | 104 | 83 | 21 |
| | — | — | — |
| Totals: | 134 | 103 | 31 |
| | — | — | — |

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

429,319,000 gallons were supplied, all of which was of a satisfactory quality.

The supply is chlorinated and no plumbo-solvent action is evident.

11,100 premises in the Urban District receive a supply of piped water. 20 properties, excluding Jaywick, are supplied by means of standpipes.

The summer population is approximately 75,000.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1957:-

| | |
|--|------|
| Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts) | 2049 |
| Other Inspections | 2866 |
| Informal Notices served | 385 |
| Informal Notices complied with | 359 |
| Formal Notices served | 13 |
| Formal Notices complied with | 11 |

The following are the principal improvements obtained:-

HOUSES

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Overcrowded | ... | ... | 2 |
| Dirty | ... | ... | 1 |
| Verminous | ... | ... | 3 |
| Damp | ... | ... | 12 |
| Defective pointing of external walls | | | 1 |
| Defective brickwork of external walls | | | 2 |
| Defective roofs | ... | ... | 15 |
| Defective chimney stack | | ... | 1 |
| Defective plaster of walls and ceilings | | | 9 |
| Defective floors | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defective windows and frames | | | 4 |
| Want of Ventilation | | ... | 1 |
| Dirty Decorations | | ... | 8 |
| Defective fireplaces (including mantels) | | | 5 |
| Defective doorsteps | | ... | 4 |
| Defective doors or door frames | | | 6 |
| Defective hand-rail | | ... | 1 |
| Want of or defective skirting boards | | | 2 |
| Water supply cut off or insufficient | | | 3 |
| Well disused | ... | ... | 1 |
| Other defects | ... | ... | 6 |

DRAINAGE

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Defective drainage | ... | ... | 2 |
| Stopped drains | ... | ... | 32 |
| Defective sink, waste pipe, etc. | | | 16 |
| Cesspools abolished | | ... | 27 |
| Properties drained to sewer | | | 27 |
| Other defects | ... | ... | 48 |

CLOSETS

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Pail Closet abolished | ... | ... | 1 |
| Structure defective | | ... | 1 |
| Broken closet pedestals and pans | | | 4 |
| Defective flushing apparatus | | | 8 |
| Other defects | ... | ... | 3 |

PAVING

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Yard, passage or path defective | | | 1 |
| Other defect | ... | ... | 1 |

OTHER NUISANCES

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Accumulations | ... | ... | 5 |
| Other outside defects | ... | ... | 12 |

DUSTBINS

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Defective or insufficient | ... | ... | 136 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|

FOOD PREMISES

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Want of Washing Facilities | ... | ... | 30 |
| Want of cleanliness | ... | ... | 3 |
| Condition of floors | ... | ... | 3 |
| Unsuitable fittings and equipment | ... | ... | 3 |
| Want of hot water | ... | ... | 32 |
| Sanitary accommodation | ... | ... | 6 |
| Other defects | ... | ... | 78 |

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|
| MISCELLANEOUS | ... | ... | 30 |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|

599

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During 1957 the following foul sewers have been constructed:-

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Chilburn Road. | Residential. | 817 lin. yds. | 9 inch dia. |
| Burrs Road. | Residential. | 220 lin. yds. | 9 inch dia. |
| Oxford Road. | Factory Site. | 83 lin. yds. | 6 inch dia. |

The foul sewers constructed in Chilburn Road, and Burrs Road will serve the existing and future dwellings.

The foul sewer constructed in Oxford Road is intended to serve the development of new factories in that road.

DRAINAGE - BURRSVILLE PARK ESTATE

| | | |
|---|-------|---|
| Premises redrained and connected to the | sewer | 9 |
| Cesspools abolished | ... | 9 |

CHILBURN, LONDON AND THORPE ROADS

| | |
|---|----|
| Premises redrained and connected to the | |
| sewer | 18 |
| Cesspools abolished ... | 18 |

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Number of infested Houses | Nil |
|---------------------------|-----|

DISINFECTION

16 rooms, bedding, etc, disinfected.
21 quantities of bedding, etc., steam disinfected.
137 library books disinfected.

VERMIN, etc.

1 room fumigated.
4 houses fumigated.
1 caravan fumigated.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|---|
| Premises registered | ... | 6 |
| Inspections at premises | ... | 2 |

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

545 Inspections were made and the requirements of the Act were explained where necessary. Three defects were dealt with.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951.

There are no manufacturers of Rag Flock within the Urban District.

BATHING POOLS.

12 Samples of water were submitted from the two bathing pools in the District for bacteriological examination; 12 were satisfactory.

8 Residual Chlorine Tests were carried out; 8 were satisfactory.

CARAVANS AND CAMPING SITES

There are 16 licensed camping grounds in the district. In addition licences were issued in respect of 5 individual moveable dwellings.

110 inspections were made of camping sites and moveable dwellings.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

1370 Visits by Public Health Inspectors.

2257 Visits by Rodent Operators.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

| Premises (1) | M/c line No. (2) | Number on Reg- ister (3) | Number of Inspec- tions (4) | Written Notices (5) | Occupi- ers prose- cuted (6) |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| (i) Factories in which Sec- tions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 1 | 31 | 2 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 2 | 123 | 85 | - | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises) | 3 | 5 | 5 | - | - |
| TOTALS: | | 159 | 92 | - | - |

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

| Particulars (1) | M/c line No. (2) | No. of cases in which defects were found. | | | | Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7) |
|---|---------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Found (3) | Reme- died (4) | To H.M. Inspec- tor. (5) | Referred By H.M. Inspec- tor. (6) | |
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S. 2.) | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3.) | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) | 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | 8 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) | | | | | | |
| Insufficient (b) | 9 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unsuitable or Defective (c) | 10 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not separate for sexes | 11 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offen- ces against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 12 | 9 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Totals: | 60 | 10 | - | - | 2 | - |

Section 34. Means of Escape in Case of Fire.

One certificate was issued during the year.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK(Section 110)

| Nature of Work | M/c line No. | Section 110 | | Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| | | No of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 | No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council. | |
| (1) | (2) | (1) (c) (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Wearing Apparel, Making etc. | 13 | 46 | - | - |

2 Inspections at Outworkers' premises.

HOUSING

Inspection.

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts 345

Housing Acts.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | ... | ... | Nil |
| Houses demolished | ... | ... | 9 |
| Number of Houses in respect of which closing orders were made | ... | ... | Nil |
| Houses closed | ... | ... | 1 |
| Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers | ... | ... | 26 |

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair Nil

| | |
|---|---|
| Applications for revocation of certificates | 2 |
| Number granted | 2 |

Rent Act, 1957.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Applications for certificates of disrepair | 9 |
| Number of decisions not to issue certificates | Nil |
| Number of decisions to issue certificates | 6 |
| Number of undertakings given by landlords to remedy defects | 3 |
| Number of undertakings refused ... | Nil |
| Number of certificates issued ... | 2 |
| Applications for cancellation of certificates | Nil |

Repairs.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the year as a result of INFORMAL ACTION under the Housing or Public Health Acts | 257 |
|---|-----|

Public Health Acts - action after service of Formal Notice:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Houses in which defects were remedied:- | |
| By Owners | 10 |
| By Local Authority | Nil |

NEW HOUSES AND FLATS ERECTED DURING 1957

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| By Private Enterprise | 198 |
| By the Council | 38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 236 |
| | <hr/> |

Total Houses erected since 1946 1,476

Applicants for Council Houses

8 Applications were supported with medical certificates.

FOOD

The following list shows the number of premises at which food for human consumption is sold or prepared and the number of visits paid to them:-

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 82 Cafes and Restaurants | 189 |
| 7 School Canteens ... | 3 |
| 26 Butchers' Shops ... | 103 |
| 12 Fish Friers ... | 65 |
| 15 Wet Fish Shops ... | 41 |
| 16 Bread and Cake Shops | 35 |
| 81 General Grocers ... | 90 |
| 24 Greengrocers ... | 27 |
| 2 Slaughterhouses ... | 83 |
| 34 Hawkers ... | 2 |
| 3 Ice Cream Manufacturers | 12 |
| 226 Ice Cream Vendors ... | 55 |
| 12 Bakehouses ... | 28 |
| 5 Dairies ... | 20 |
| 45 Milkshops ... | 58 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total Visits | 811 |
| <hr/> | |

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

A baker was successfully prosecuted under the provisions of Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for selling bread which was not of the substance demanded. (See Chemical Analysis of Food Page 12).

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARING PREMISES.

The number of premises registered pursuant to Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act is as follows:-

| | |
|---|-----|
| Sausage Meat, Pressed, Pickled and Preserved Meat ... | 25 |
| Sale of Ice Cream ... | 226 |
| Manufacture of Ice Cream | 3 |
| Storage of Ice Cream ... | 2 |

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse which is privately owned and used to a limited extent only.

The following list gives details of the diseased or unsound meat and other foods found unfit for human consumption. They were surrendered voluntarily and destroyed or used for animal feeding.

Unsound food dealt with by the Council is disposed of at the Controlled Tip.

248 Tins of Meat. (1072 lbs)
 13 Tins of Fish. (8 lbs)
 73 Tins of Milk.
 627 Tins of Fruit and Vegetables. (1061 lbs)
 25 Tins of Other Goods. (28 lbs)
 53 lbs of Bacon.
 35 lbs of Sausages.
 662 lbs of Beef.
 65 lbs of Ham.
 378 lbs of Fish.
 5 lbs of Lamb.
 88 lbs of Liver.
 10 lbs of Pork.
 1,623 lbs of Fruit and Vegetables.
 3 jars of Meat Paste.
 32 lbs of Cheese.
 36 lbs of Sugar.
 5 Jam Rolls.
 3,300 Chicken Portions.
 2 dozen Chickletts.
 180 dozen Rock Sweets.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed(if known) | 62 | - | 2 | 214 | 172 |
| Number inspected | 62 | - | 2 | 214 | 172 |
| Diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 6 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci | 9.7 | - | 50 | 0.47 | 1.16 |

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| <u>Tuberculosis only:</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | 1.6 | - | - | - | 0.58 |
| <u>Cysticercosis:</u> | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - |

Diseases except Tuberculosis - Weight Condemned
168 lbs.

Tuberculosis - Weight Condemned 24 lbs.

MINISTRY OF FOOD FATSTOCK GUARANTEE SCHEME.

9 Pig Carcasses certified.

Approval of Deadweight Certification Centre now withdrawn.

MILK SUPPLY.

The milk supply for the Urban District is obtained from three Dairy Companies in the area and one Dairyman whose premises are situated in the Tendring Rural District.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949.

The following table sets out the number of Registrations and Licences in force:-

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Dairies | ... | ... | 5 |
| Distributors of Milk | ... | ... | 45 |

Dealers' Licences authorising the use of Special Designations:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Pasteurised | ... | ... | 31 |
| Sterilised | ... | ... | 39 |
| Tuberculin Tested | ... | ... | 14 |

Dealer's Supplementary Licence authorising the use of Special Designations:

Pasteurised, sterilised, and tuberculin tested 1

ICE CREAM

There are 3 Manufacturers and 226 Vendors operating in the Urban District.

BAKEHOUSES

There are twelve Bakehouses in the Urban District. None of them is an underground bakehouse.

28 Inspections were made during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Particulars of samples taken under the above Act in the Clacton Urban District by the Weights and Measures Department of the Essex County Council during 1957:-

| Article Sampled | No. of Samples | No. of adulterated or below standard |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Black Currant Jam | 1 | - |
| British Brown Sherry | 1 | - |
| British Tonic Wine | 1 | - |
| Butter | 2 | - |
| Butter Ice Cream | 1 | - |
| Cheese Spread | 3 | - |
| Chicken Soup | 1 | - |
| Chocolate Drink Powder | 1 | - |
| Coffee | 1 | - |
| Corned Beef | 1 | - |
| Cream of Celery Soup | 2 | 2 * |
| Cream of Chicken Soup | 1 | - |
| Cream of Tomato Soup | 2 | - |
| Currants | 3 | - |
| Custard Powder | 3 | - |
| Cut Peel | 1 | - |
| Desert Powder | 1 | - |
| Drinking Chocolate | 1 | - |
| Fine Ruby British Wine | 1 | - |
| Fruit Cake Mixture | 1 | - |
| Gin | 1 | - |
| Ginger Marmalade | 1 | - |
| Glace' Cherries | 1 | - |

| Article Sampled | No. of Samples | No. of adulterated or below standard |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ground Almonds | 1 | - |
| Ground Nutmeg | 1 | - |
| Ham Flavoured Green Pea Soup Mix | 1 | - |
| Honey | 1 | - |
| Ice Cream | 2 | - |
| Indian Curry Powder | 1 | - |
| Kosher Vegetable Fat Shortening | 1 | - |
| Lemon Cheese | 1 | - |
| Lemon Curd | 1 | - |
| Meatless Sausages | 1 | - |
| Milk | 20 | 1 + |
| Mixed Dried Fruit | 1 | - |
| Mixed Fruit | 1 | - |
| Mixed Spice | 1 | - |
| Oxtail Soup | 1 | - |
| Pastry Flour | 1 | - |
| Pineapple in Sorbitol Syrup | 1 | - |
| Potato Crisps with Salt | 1 | - |
| Prunes | 1 | - |
| Sage | 1 | - |
| Savoury Nut Meat | 1 | - |
| Pudding Mixture | 1 | - |
| Self Raising Flour | 4 | - |
| Seville Marmalade | 1 | - |
| Seville Orange Marmalade | 1 | - |
| Shredded Beef Suet | 1 | - |
| Sultanas | 2 | - |
| Synthetic Cream Powder | 1 | - |
| Tea | 1 | - |
| Victoria Plums | 1 | - |
| Whisky | 4 | - |
| White Pepper | 2 | - |
| Total | 92 | 3 |

* In view of the fat deficiency in one sample of cream of celery soup a second sample of the same brand was procured for the purpose of determining whether there was any variation in the distribution of the fat content.

From enquiries which followed when the fat content of the two samples was found to be comparable, it was ascertained that the stock from which the sale had been made had been in hand for a long time, since 1953, and that the soup had been packed prior to the agreement as to the meaning of the terms contained in the code of practice issued by the Ministry of Food.

A caution was issued and the remaining stock was withdrawn from sale.

+ A complaint was received in respect of the sample of milk shown above as adulterated or below standard.

The complaint was that the milk contained added water.

Part of the milk had been used; the remainder was submitted for analysis but no trace of added water was found; there was a deficiency in fat.

A further sample of milk from the same source of supply was procured from an unopened bottle. This sample was found to conform to the standard for milk fat and solids not fat.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection

In July one of the two Dennis Refuse Collection Vehicles referred to in the Annual Report for 1954 was replaced by a Dennis Paxit II which has proved very satisfactory.

During the first three weeks of May a survey was conducted into the collection of domestic refuse, and in the light of the information obtained the collection rounds were accordingly adjusted.

Disposal

Controlled tipping is carried out at the Rush Green Disposal Site.

Towards the end of the year the Council purchased an area of land known as Smith's Pit, St. Osyth Road, and when the necessary fencing has been completed controlled tipping will take place during the winter months.

Gully Cleansing

The Gully Cleansing and Cesspool Emptying Machine has proved to be satisfactory in service. The machine has again been hired for gully emptying by a neighbouring authority.

Street Cleansing

During the year the public made more use of the litter baskets but, even so, it is necessary to employ extra staff during the holiday season.